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Officers of the Association, 1861.

PATRON:

The Honorable and Right Reverend JOHN STRACHAN, D.D., LL.D.

PRESIDENT:

REV. H. J. GRASETT, B. D., 48 Adelaide Street East.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

REV. E. BALDWIN, M. A., 51 Duke Street.

REV. S. J. BODDY, M. A., 86 Mutual Street.

REV. A. SANSON, 343 King Street East.

SECRETARY:

GEO. M. EVANS, U. C. College, King Street.

TREASURER:

ROBERT BALDWIN, 65 Shuter Street.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

The PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, and Messrs.

ROBERT BALDWIN, 65 Shuter Street.


RICHARD D. FREEMAN, 322 Church Street.


J. GEORGE HODGINS, Pembroke Street

GEO. M. EVANS, U. C. College.

THOS. F. KINGSMILL, 21 King Street East.

A. B. TOWNLEY, 110 Richmond Street East.

 The Reading Room of the Association is open every evening from 7.30 to 10 o'clock in the summer, and from 7 to 10 o'clock in the winter, in the Lecture Room of the Parochial School House, corner of Church and Adelaide Streets, Toronto.

 A General Conversational Meeting of the members is held on the first Monday of every month, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The General Meeting.

The First General Meeting of St. James' Young Men's Christian Association was held in the Lecture Room of the St. James' Parochial school-house, on Monday, 10th June, at 8 P.M.

The Rev. H. J. Grasett, B. D., President in the Chair.

The Rev. E. Baldwin, M.A., Vice-President, opened the meeting with prayer.

The Report of the Provisional Committee having been read by the Secretary,

It was moved by Mr. R. Gilmor, and seconded by Mr. R. W. Scott, "That the Report now read be adopted."—Carried.

The President having nominated Messrs. Robert Baldwin, R. D. Freeman, and J. George Hodgins members of the Committee,

It was moved by Mr. Philip Browne, and seconded by Mr. A. Cooper, "That Messrs. George M. Evans, T. F. Kingsmill, and A. B. Townley, be the members of the Committee chosen by this meeting for the ensuing year."—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. J. Mishaw, and seconded by Mr. F. J. Joseph, "That the Committee be requested to take such steps as they may deem most advisable to secure the publication and circulation of the Report which has now been read."—Carried.

After some further conversation among the members, in regard to the operations of the Association, the proceedings were closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baldwin.

REPORT.

The Provisional Committee of St. James' Young Men's Christian Association have to report as follows:—

They were appointed on the occasion of and immediately upon the adoption of the Constitution of the Society, which had been drafted by a Special Committee chosen for the purpose on the 15th of February last, and which reported the result of their labours to a meeting held on the 1st of March. On that occasion, this special Committee reported that they had entered upon and carried on the work assigned to them with mature deliberation, and with an earnest prayer that their efforts might be directed by Him through whom alone we can succeed in any enterprise.

They had endeavoured, as far as possible, to provide against the trouble and difficulty which the introduction of useless and unwieldy provisions into a Constitution must occasion by rendering frequent changes and amendments necessary. They had therefore contented themselves with defining the end which the Association had in view, and stating in outline the manner in which it was proposed to attain it, leaving the details of the Society's operations to be provided for by Rules and Regulations which the General Committee from time to time, as occasion may require, are empowered to make.

The Constitution, as thus drawn up and adopted, is as follows:—

CONSTITUTION.

I.

This Society shall be denominated "The St. James' Young Men's Christian Association."

II.

This Association shall have for its object the Religious and Moral good of all young men in Toronto, and the mutual encouragement of its members to Christian activity.

III.

Direct advantage to members :—A Reading-Room, supplied with such religious and secular books, periodicals and papers, as the Committee may select ; occasional lectures on suitable subjects ; the opportunity of forming Christian acquaintances ; and such other means of religious improvement as experience may suggest.

IV.

This Association shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Committee, Life Members, and Ordinary Members.

V.

The Rector of St. James' Cathedral shall be ex-officio President, and the Assistant Ministers, together with such other persons as shall be nominated by the General Committee, with the consent of the President, shall be Vice-Presidents of the Association.

VI.

The General Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and six other members, to be chosen at the General Meeting of the Association, three of whom shall be appointed by the President, and three elected by the members present.

VII.

A Secretary and a Treasurer shall be annually appointed by

the General Committee, from among their own number, at their first regular meeting.

VIII.

In case of any vacancy occurring among the members of the Committee appointed at the Annual Meeting, as in Article VI. provided, the Committee shall have power to fill the same until the next General Annual Meeting.

IX.

The Committee shall have the superintendence and management of the property of the Association, as well as the management and control of its general affairs, and the appropriation of its funds, with full power to enact such rules and regulations as may be requisite to effect the objects contemplated.

X.

The Committee shall have power to appoint, from among the members, Special Committees to carry out particular objects of the Association.

XI.

The regular meetings of the Committee shall be not less frequent than once a month, and three members shall form a quorum; and the Committee shall fix the time of the Annual or other General Meetings of the members.

XII.

At the Annual General Meeting the Committee shall submit a report of the operations of the Association for the year preceding.

XIII.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: 1st. The consideration of the report of the Committee; 2nd. The appointment of the Committee as by article VI. provided; and, 3rd. The consideration of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

XIV.

Persons paying \$2 annually shall be ordinary members, and persons paying \$20 at one time shall be life-members of the Association.

XV.

At the General Meetings, and Meetings of the Committee, the President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President first upon the list, then present, or, if neither the President or a Vice-President be present, such member as shall be voted to the chair, shall preside.

XVI.

All General Meetings and Meetings of Committee shall be opened and closed with prayer.

XVII.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except at the General Annual Meeting of the Association, and notice of any proposed alteration must in every case be sent in to the Secretary at least one month prior to such General Meeting, and no amended or new article of Constitution shall be adopted except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such General Meeting, as aforesaid.

At the first meeting held under this Constitution, Messrs. Robert Baldwin, R. D. Freeman, and J. George Hodgins, were chosen, by the President ; and Messrs. Geo. M. Evans, Philip Browne, and John H. Richey, on behalf of the Members, to be the Provisional Committee.

This Provisional Committee have therefore now to report, not the detailed account of a year's work, but simply what they have been able to do towards bringing the Association into active operation as to one at least of its objects.

Their first work was to frame Rules and Regulations for the guidance of the Committee, which were adopted, and entered upon the minutes of their proceedings as follows :—

1. The Regular Meetings of the Committee shall be held on the first Monday of every month, at 7.30 p.m.
2. Special Meetings may be called by the Secretary.
3. The Committee shall, as soon after the appointed hour as a quorum shall be present, proceed to business in the following order:—1st. The minutes of the previous meeting to be read and confirmed. 3rd. The regular business of the meeting to be then proceeded with ; after which, 3rd. Notices of motion for the next meeting may be given.
4. Any member of the Committee shall have a veto on the introduction of any book, periodical or newspaper into the Reading-Room.
5. All orders upon the Treasurer shall be signed by the Secretary and another member of the Committee, not being Treasurer.
6. The Treasurer shall furnish to the Committee a quarterly statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Association.

7. The Secretary shall keep the minutes, give notice of meetings, conduct the correspondence, and perform such other duties as usually devolve upon that officer.
 8. Any alterations or additions may be made to these rules and regulations, at any regular meeting of the Committee, notice of which must be given at a previous meeting.
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Regarding the establishment of the proposed Reading-Room as of permanent importance, your Committee lost no time in making the necessary arrangements for bringing it into operation. And here they beg to record the obligations which the Association is under to the Rector of St. James', their President, for the use of the Lecture-room in the Parochial School-house, a room not only central and suitable in position, but also in every way well fitted for the purposes contemplated by them in the establishment of the Reading-Room, that is to say, a comfortable, inviting, and quiet room, where members who are so disposed may spend an hour or so in the evening, and find select religious publications of the day, as well as leading secular papers both of Britain and our own Continent.

The Reading-Room, which was opened on the 22nd of April, has been supplied with the following periodicals and papers:—

The London Times (Daily.)
 “ Illustrated News.
 “ Record.
 “ Quarterly Review.
 The Christian Observer.
 The News of the Churches.
 The Leisure Hour.
 The Family Treasurer.
 Blackwood's Magazine.

Hunt's Merchant's Magazine.

The Dublin Warder.

The New York Protestant Episcopal Quarterly Review.

“ “ Churchman.

“ Spectator.

The Montreal Gazette.

The Toronto Echo.

“ Ecclesiastical Gazette.

“ Journal of Education.

“ Leader.

“ Globe.

For several of the above-mentioned papers the Association is indebted to the kindness and liberality of individual members, to whom the Committee desire thus publicly to express their thanks.

Through the kindness of the Rector the books of the Parochial Library, comprising some 500 volumes, have been lent to the Association, and these form an important part of the reading matter which is to be found on our tables and shelves.

The Committee are happy to be able to report that the arrangements made for keeping the Reading-Room open are such as, at least for the present, avoid the expense of a Librarian's salary, and they desire to express their thanks to those members who have kindly coöperated with them in performing the duties of Acting Librarian on certain stated evenings.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH ST. JAMES' YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

DR.		\$	c.	CR.		\$	c.
To Cash received from Subscriptions...		106	00	By Cash paid for Furniture		36	00
" " Donations		36	50	" on Papers & Periodicals*		20	42
				" on Room account		4	00
				" for P. O. Box & Postage		2	49
				" for Sundries.....		1	62
							\$64 53
				Balance in hand		77	97
			\$142 50				\$142 50

The Committee have to report the enrolment of 76 members, which they regard as most encouraging; they feel, however, that only a good beginning has been made, and that there are many young men even now in Toronto who only require to be found out and invited, in order to avail themselves of the privileges of the Association.

The Committee at an early day considered the advisability of bringing article X. of the Constitution into practical effect, viz : —“The Committee shall have power to appoint from among the members Special Committees to carry out particular objects of the Association,”—but decided upon leaving the matter in abeyance until after the first General Meeting of the Association. They have frequently had the subject under discussion, and propose that the following sub-committees be appointed :—

1. *The Bible and Tract Committee*, to assist in distributing bibles and tracts.
2. *The Stranger's Committee*, whose special object it shall be to seek out young men who come to take situations in our city, and to introduce them to the privileges of the Association.

* A small part only of the expenses under this head has yet been paid, as many of the accounts have not been rendered.

3. *The Sunday-School Committee*, whose duty it shall be to coöperate with the Superintendents in promoting the interests of the Sunday-Schools.
4. *The Hospital and Gaol-visiting Committee*, whose duty it shall be to assist the Clergy in their labours of love by the bedside and in the dungeon.

Each of these sub-committees to be under the direction of a Chairman, to be appointed by, and responsible to, the General Committee. The President and Vice-Presidents to be *ex-officio* members of all committees.

They believe that such Committees might do much good in their endeavours to carry out some of the objects of such an Association as this, whose means of usefulness are thus referred to in an interesting report of the proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convention of the Confederation of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, held at New Orleans, in April, 1860 :—

“The first thing which ought to claim the attention of a newly organized Association is the commencement of some active work of benevolence, which will enlist the hearts and employ the hands of its members. This is entering fairly upon the legitimate work of the Society, at once exerting its power for good, and adopting the most efficacious measures to insure its stability. In choosing a field of labour it may be well to remember that as a primary end of the Society is the welfare of young men ; any work which has this for its direct object should be preferred as being peculiarly the province of an Association. It is highly appropriate that the exertions of members should be employed first, when there is an opportunity, in behalf of the young men of a community, in seeking to render them material aid where it may be necessary, and endeavouring in every way possible to extend over this class the privileges of christian companionship and influence.”

The Provisional Committee would, therefore, earnestly request

that such of the members as feel a desire to aid in carrying out the objects of these sub-committees, would send in their names to the Secretary, with a view to their appointment.

As no real good can be done without God's blessing, it is recommended that members should on each Monday morning, specially remember the Association at the Throne of Grace.

All which is respectfully submitted.

TORONTO, 10th June, 1861.

List of Members.

Armstrong, J. R.	Hall, Dr. C. B.
Arnold, J.	Harris, E.
Baldwin, Rev. E.	Heward, S.
Baldwin, R.	Hodgins, J. G.
Baldwin, H. St. G.	Jacques, J.
Baldwin, J. B.	Jones, E. C.
Baldwin, A.	Jones, Dr. C. Blackburne.
Ballard, J. McL.	Joseph, F.
Beard, G.	Kingsmill, T. F.
Bennett, H. E.	Kingstone, F. W.
Betley, M.	Lee, A.
Blake, D. E.	Lewis, J.
Blake, S. H.	Magrath, C.
Boddy, Rev. S. J.	McKee, W.
Booth.	Mead, J. H.
Boulton, G. D.	Mishaw, J.
Browne, Philip.	Mishaw, T.
Browne, J.	Moffatt, L.
Campbell, J.	Mosley, J.
Clark, P. M.	Parker, J.
Cooper, A.	Raffan, J.
Crawford, J.	Reynolds, R.
Crombie, E.	Richey, J. H.
Dickson, R. J.	Robertson, T. J.
English, C. E.	Robinson, J. L.
Esten, Hon. J. C. P.	Sale, J.
Evans, G. M.	Sampson, D. A.
Evans, F.	Sampson, W. A.
Franck, J.	Sanson, Rev. A.
Freeman, R. D.	Scott, R. W.
Freeman, T. I.	Sellar, T.
Gilbert, J.	Small, J.
Gilmor, R.	Squier,
Goldsmith, E.	Stayner, T. A.
Gordon, Hon. James,	Thorpe, G.
Grasett, Rev. H. J.	Thorpe, W.
Griffith, T.	Townley, A. B.
Gzowski, C. S.	



